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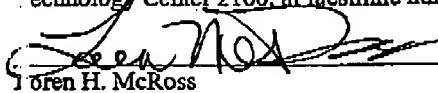
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Response is being submitted in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated December 15, 2004, relating to the above-identified application.

The Examiner has restricted the pending claims of the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-24 directed to a method or system for securely transferring control to a system management mode, as classified in Class 713, subclass 200; and

Group II: Claims 25-44 directed to a method or system for developing (i.e. a software development and management tool) a program system that validates system management interrupt, as classified in Class 717, subclass 100 or subclass 105.

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CLAIM ELECTION

The Applicant hereby elects to continue prosecuting the Claims of Group I, Claims 1-24 in the above-identified case.

The Applicant hereby reserves the right to prosecute the Claims of Group II, Claims 25-44 in a subsequent application.

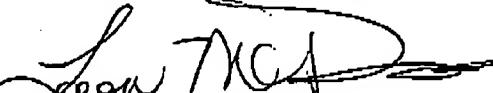
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Please note that the Attorney Docket Number for the above-identified application is 99-1030. Please update your records to reflect this change, and include this number on all correspondence relating to the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments or credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 16-1520 for any payment in connection with this communication, including any fees for extension of time, which may be required. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if such action might expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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